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Thanks

... To those parents supporting with co-ordination and organisation of our interschool athletics teams.

.. To those parents who took the opportunity to input in to Cambridge pathways this week.

... To those who have advised this week of children who will be attending / not attending Matarau School in 2016.

People of the week

... Eve Finlayson and Connan Wiegiersma (and their parent support team) who raised \$263 for hospice as part of their Genius Hour project. You have been great ambassadors for our school.

... Vienna Ringrose, Mila Pivac ad Dylan Sampson for exceptional pieces of writing this week. Well done!

... Hannah Attwood and Liam and Taylor Rosemergy for being so helpful at a recent Enviroschools Expo ... great group leaders. Well done!

Term calendar *(We will advise further dates as these come to hand)*

24 November	Year 4 to 6 Interschool Athletics (pp 26.11)
28 November	Home garden judging
1 December	Year 7 ad 8 Interschool Athletics (pp 4.12)
2 December	Parent Helpers BoT Morning Tea
3 December	School Team Athletics Day
8 December	School prize-giving (6:30pm)
9 December	2016 class lists on display (hall notice board)
11 December	Reports issued / Final assembly (2:30pm)
14 December	Final school day 2015

Virtue - Term 4

Please continue your good work at home on the RESPECT virtue.

Class Placements 2016 ... Last opportunity for input

Teachers will soon be giving consideration to class placements for 2016.

The final decisions must ultimately be made by the school but we can throw parent requests / suggestions of a **general nature** into the mix (no guarantees). If there is something you would like us to consider please give Kevin a call, drop by, or flick him an email on principal@matarau.school.nz. Where a parental request is not met, that parent will be advised the reasons why in due course.

If your child(ren) will not be at Matarau school next year, and you have not already done so, please let us know as soon as possible.

Year 4-6 and Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics Competitions

Children who qualified for the above events have received consent forms.

If you have not yet done so, please get these back to school on Monday.

The Year 4 to 6 tournament is scheduled for 24 November, and the Year 7 and 8 tournament for 1 December .. both at Whangarei Athletics Track.

Jenny Wiegiersma has offered to co-ordinate our year 7 and 8 team and so please connect with Jenny on arrival. Please let us know Monday morning if you are willing to co-ordinate our year 4 to 6 team.



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Congratulations

.. to the following year 8 children who were nominated by staff for this year's Citizenship Cup. A hugely difficult task as there were so many potential candidates for the short list. Children voted this week. Winner announced at prize giving.

Oliver Parker	Johnathan Dunn	Tyrone Fred	Grace Wigersma
Megan Elias	Ethan Hare	Eden Rapana	Dayna Richardson

Art Exhibition

From Tuesday of next week parents are invited to drop by to the school hall (stage area) to view the fantastic art portfolios submitted for our art scholarships. These will be judged on Monday .. outcome at prize giving.

Prizegiving

Please pencil in 8 December for prizegiving (pp 10.12)... getting underway 6:30 PM. As is our custom we will have a little present for each student ... as well as for pre-schoolers. **If you intend bringing your pre-schooler to prizegiving please give Helen a call next week.**

Junior Readers

Please check at home (under beds, behind book cases etc) for junior readers and send these along to school next week. It is important that we have complete sets for 2016. So .. we are missing quite a few and so a thorough search at home would be really appreciated. If you think you might be able to help with our junior reader stock take places give Mrs Robertson a call next week.

Leaving Books

This week our Year 8 students received a book voucher to put towards a book of their choice. Thank you (in anticipation) parents for assisting in the purchase of a suitable book. The vouchers are redeemable at most book stores. Books are to be returned to school by 1 December please to be officially presented at prizegiving.

Arrival time at school

A gentle reminder that children are not to be dropped at school before 8:00am in the morning please as they cannot be supervised before this time. We have had some children dropped on the school site as early as 7:45 some mornings.

Parent Helpers' Morning Tea

Parents who have assisted the school in any way whatsoever this year are invited to a Parent Helpers' Morning Tea in the school hall starting 10:30 am Wednesday 2nd December. This is our chance to say thank you for the contributions you have made to the school over 2015.

So .. whether you have helped in classrooms, the library, camps, day trips,.. whatever .. please join us if you can. *If you think you will be at this morning tea can you please advise Helen next week to assist us with catering.*

Marae Trip

Regrettably this event has been cancelled due to a tangi. We are hopeful of organising a similar event next year.



Art Scholarship (Years 4 to 8)

Art portfolios are due to the school office by 3:30pm Monday 23 November. Please let us know where we can help.

Home Garden

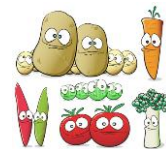
A reminder ...

... that Home Garden diaries need to be handed in before 3:00pm Monday 23rd November.

... that gardens will be judged 28 November

... that properties will not be visited where a consent has not been returned ... **quite a**

number of consents remain outstanding. A balloon (or similar) at the end of the driveway is really helpful for the judges. All dogs to be tied up please. Any questions to Mrs Abbott please.



Home Garden Judging Criteria ... are as follows ...

Criteria	Points	Criteria	Points
Diary	6	Health of Plants	4
Layout (incl thinning, spacing and staking)	4	Varieties of Plants	4
Pest Control	4	Creativity / originality	4
Weed Control	4		30

School contributions / Activity Fees

Payment requests for the above were sent out last week ... and for any other outstanding fees. If you have any questions about these please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Please pay at your nearest convenience.

Korean language ... gauging interest

The school has been approached by the Korean Education Centre (attached to the Consulate of the Republic of South Korea) to see if we would be interested in providing Korean language instruction in our school. Children would be withdrawn from class for 2 or 3 hours per week (probably afternoons) and would (likely) be taught by someone conversant in both English and Korean (hopefully a qualified teacher). There would be no cost to parents. If interested, please contact Kevin (phone or email) next week. South Korea has one of the world's largest economies. The ability to speak Korean could be a huge advantage in the growing global economy. This is only a call for expressions of interest before we proceed with any firm plans.

(We are currently scoping ways to grow our provision of te reo and the board has voted funds for this purpose ... more to follow)

Finally

A special acknowledgment this week of the contributions of our ESOL staff and students to Korea Day. This day was loaded with fantastic opportunities to learn about the Korean language, culture and way of life, as well as to celebrate the many benefits international students bring to our school. A special thank you to Mrs Comrie, Mrs Pol and Mr Kim for making this day so successful .. and ,of course, to the students for their presentations.

Joke from David in room 6 "What do you call a mother monkey? A mumkey"

Regards

Kevin Trehwella
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Community Notices

Wanted to Rent - 2-3bed Matarau and area, consider Kamo or Hikurangi. Around \$300 pw. Pref in early feb. But negotiable. Professional single mum with 3 kids. Ph Tina 022 630 0994 or katelynsway@hotmail.com

For Rent – Cosy country cottage in Ruatangata. 2 bedroom, can be part furnished. \$220 pw inc power. Ph Jenny 027 325 8617

MYmovement is running an open day on the Sunday 29th of November – 151 Dent Street, Whangarei. Come along & find out what MyMovement have to offer, \$2 for 20 minute MyBounce session, have a go on the Tumble & Trampoline Air Track, performances by the Fantasy Cheerleaders.

Hopscotch For Kids After School Care

Based at Kensington Park, we transport kids to our centre after school. Daily activities for term 4 - tee ball, mini games, soccer, cooking and basketball. Open until 5.45pm. WINZ subsidies for those who qualify. For more info or to enrol, contact Abbey 0212372598 or email - hello@hopscotchforkids.co.nz

Matarau Tennis Club - Please note the - AGM will now be held 6.00pm Monday 14 December 2015 (not 7/12/15 as listed last week) due to a clash with the Kamo High School prizegiving night.

Hurupaki Educare pre Christmas/January 2016 Holiday Programme

We are opening pre Christmas on Monday 21st December for 3 days and again on Tuesday 5th January 2016 for 4 weeks. We are based in the Hurupaki School Hall. The programme is OSCAR accredited, families can apply for WINZ assistance - conditions apply. Discounts available for two or more children from the one family. Check schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz or contact Christin on 0274821331 more info.

ArtBeat 2016 is a FREE community arts-based festival located in the heart of Whangarei city at Cafler Park on Saturday 30 January 2016, from 10am-4pm. Make sure you mark your calendar for the long weekend and bring all your family, visitors and a picnic blanket down and join us. You can spend the whole day being entertained with performances on stage, and throughout the park. Or get stuck in and take part in the interactive art zones where there will be FREE activities for the whole family, then indulge your taste buds with a selection of international cuisine available to purchase. This is one of Whangarei's favourite festivals, make sure you are there. If you are keen to register for a stall to sell your work or cuisine contact abbey@creativenorthland.com or drop in to our office at the Old Library, Rust Avenue.

Cancer Society Northland - Christmas Fundraiser A great opportunity to fundraise and engage with our community, we would love your support in building the festive spirit in Whangarei. We are there to help those that want to hide presents from prying eyes, have your gift wrapped at The Strand for a small donation. Where: Christmas Grotto in The Strand Arcade. (Whangarei). When: Monday 14th to Thursday 24th December 10-4 pm & late night Xmas Eve.



